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Group Art Unit: 2814

Title: METHOD OF INTEGRATED CIRCUIT CONSTRUCTION WITH PORT ALIGNMENT AND
TIMING SIGNAL BUFFERING WITHIN A COMMON AREA

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TOTAL CLAIMS	13	MINUS	20	= 0	X \$18	\$ 0
INDEP. CLAIMS	3	MINUS	3	= 0	X \$84	\$ 0
[] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ \$280	\$ 0
EXTENSION FEE	1ST MONTH \$110.00	2ND MONTH \$410.00	3RD MONTH \$930.00	4TH MONTH \$1450.00		\$ 0
OTHER FEES						\$
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$ 0

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In Re Application of:

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Docket No. 10991989-1

For: **A METHOD OF INTEGRATED CIRCUIT CONSTRUCTION WITH PORT ALIGNMENT AND TIMING SIGNAL BUFFERING WITHIN A COMMON AREA**

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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The outstanding non-final Office Action mailed May 16, 2003 (Paper No. 21) has been carefully considered. Reconsideration and allowance of the Application and presently pending claims, as amended, are respectfully requested.

AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT

It is believed that no extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account no. 50-1078.